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TO: Chief Ronal W. Serpas
FROM: Marty Brown, Director
SUBJECT: Washington State Patrol Incident Report #04-02 Does Not Merit Review

Pursuant to RCW 43.41.370 and the Guidelines for Reporting Incidents to the Office of Financial Management (OFM), the Washington State Patrol (WSP) reported to OFM that on July 4, 2003, a patrol car hit a vehicle stopped for a traffic infraction.

The trooper's patrol car accidentally rear-ended the other vehicle when it braked abruptly. Only minor injuries resulted.

RCW 43.41.370(1) requires the Director of OFM to appoint a loss prevention review team when the death of a person, serious injury to a person, or other substantial loss is alleged or suspected to be caused at least in part by the actions of a state agency unless the Director, in his discretion, determines that the incident "does not merit review". Because no serious injuries resulted from this incident, it does not merit review.

This decision will be posted on the OFM website. If you have any questions about the criteria or its application to this incident, please contact either Susan Hettinger at (360) 902-7396 or Gary Robinson at (360) 902-0528.

cc: Juliet Wehr Jones, General Counsel, WSP